

Santiago de Chile

Santiago is going to host the next Microgrids Symposium, being the the cultural, administrative and financial center, and the most important metropolis in the country. This site is chosen to organize the great Latin American congresses. Santiago has an important transportation system that connects various points across the city. The metro is one of the most modern underground means of transportation in the world. In addition to this, 210 kilometers of urban highways cross the city connecting the center with the commercial areas and the surrounding neighborhoods.

Santiago hosts the offices of the most important companies in the power sector as well as the System Operator offices of the two main interconnected systems. All the government agencies and institution offices are also located in Santiago. Concerning Universities, according to the last national rankings, 6 universities of the top ten lists are located in Santiago.



Santiago: Recommended as a place to go by the NY times in 2011.

<http://travel.nytimes.com/2011/01/09/travel/09where-to-go.html?pagewanted=all>

Santiago International Airport is adequate to the needs of a modern city, there are several international arrivals from cities like:

- Americas: New York, Toronto, Miami, Atlanta, Dallas, Los Angeles, Mexico City, Bogota, Caracas, Quito, Lima, Sao Paulo, Rio do Janeiro and Buenos Aires among others.
- Europe: Madrid, Paris, Frankfurt
- Oceania: Sydney, Auckland

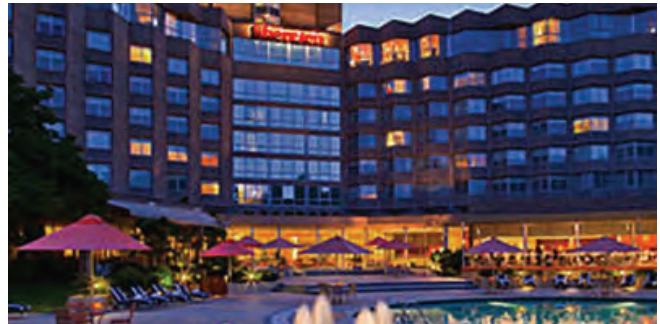
Venue

Sheraton Santiago Hotel and Convention Center

Address: Avda. Santa María 1742, Santiago, Chile

web: <http://www.starwoodhotels.com/sheraton/index.html>

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Proposed Dates and schedule

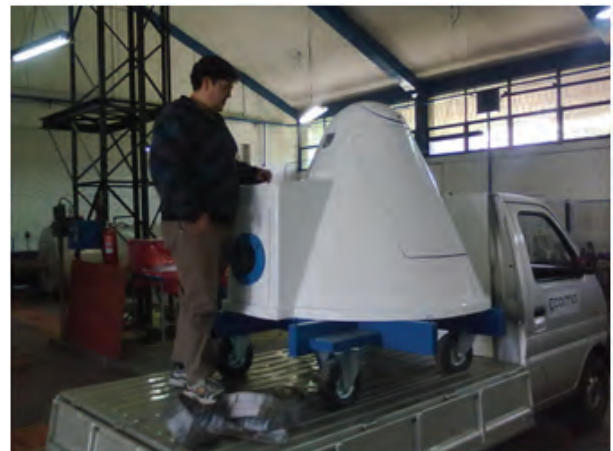
Tue Sept 10th 2013 – Arrival to Santiago

Wed Sept 11th 2013 - Symposium day 1

Thu Sept 12th 2013 – Symposium day 2

Fri Sept 13th 2013 - Field trip (Micro hydro facility, U Chile lab..) This field trip is in Santiago, micro hydro facility is at 20 min bus ride.

Sat to Sun Sept 14/15 2013 – Optional trip to Huatacondo



Micro Hydro Plug and Play Unit

Other close activities

Chile National Holidays, September 17 to 20. This is the most important week of the year for Chilean people; there are different cultural, recreational activities, including folklore, typical food and so on.

Nearby Attractions

There are several attractions nearby Santiago, like the following ones:

The valleys surrounding the city lodge the most famous Chilean wineries and its proximity to the Andes also gives this city a privileged location near the best ski resorts, such as Portillo, Valle Nevado, La Parva and Farellones.



Portillo ski (left) and Valle Nevado (right)

Another interesting place to visit is Valparaíso, whose natural, architectural and cultural beauty has earned the recognition by Unesco, which has declared it World Heritage. Viña del Mar, considered Chile's tourist capital, is the seat for the International Song Festival. It also features excellent beaches and a valuable architectural heritage. Its first-class hotel and gastronomic proposal accompanies the booming tourist development of the city. Both Viña del Mar and Valparaíso are just a 1.5 hour bus trip from Santiago.



Valparaíso (left), and Viña del Mar (right)

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The Central Valley, where Santiago is located, is nestled between two mountain ranges (the Andes and the Coastal Mountain Range) and crossed by the rivers that make their soil so fertile. These expanses of land have been used to grow wine grapes, which were originally brought over from Europe, since the Colonial period. In the late 1970's, Chilean wine producers began to use modern technology to take full advantage of the hilly topography, sea and mountain winds, and notable temperature variations that have made the country one of the New World's leading wine exporters.

Varieties such as Cabernet Sauvignon, Carménère, Syrah, Pinot Noir, Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay grow beautifully in this region, and each selection presents subtle differences depending on the terroir in which the grapes are grown. Experts and sommeliers are on-hand at most local wineries to guide you through your experience of the bouquets, flavors and body of these fine wines.

